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SUBJECT: EDX: STAG CANDIDATE (LIEBERMAN, PROF. LAURENCE)

REFS: (A) BGI A-82 (B) SOLMSEN LTR, NOVEMBER 16

1. IN RESPONSE REF B, VICE DEAN OF UWI FACULTY OF ARTS AND GENERAL STUDIES, PROF. BRUCE ST. JOHN, HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT PER DIEM COSTS OF VISIT BY PROF. LIEBERMAN COULD BE MET LOCALLY IF USG WOULD COVER AIR TRAVEL COSTS. EMBASSY HAS MADE NO RPT NO COMMITMENT PENDING DEPT APPROVAL.

2. NEVERTHELESS, PROFS. ST. JOHN AND LIEBERMAN HAVE TENTATIVELY AGREED ON LATTER'S VISIT TO BARBADOS JANUARY 16-23 FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND RESUMPTION OF CAVE HILL CAMPUS CLASSES JANUARY 14. LECTURES BY LIEBERMAN TO FINAL YEAR STUDENTS ON POETRY OF FROST AND LOWELL ARE BEING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 17 AND 21. CLASSES BY LIBERMAN IN POETRY WRITING WOULD BE SCHEDULED ON JANUARY 18, 19 AND 20. ST. JOHN ALSO HOPES ARRANGE PUBLIC LECTURE BY LIEBERMAN ON WEST INDIAN POET DEREK WALCOTT.

3. IF PORT OF SPAIN CONCURS, ST. JOHN SAYS IT MIGHT ALSO BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOR LIEBERMAN TO MAKE ONE-DAY VISIT ST. AUGUSTINE CAMPUS THROUGH HEAD OF ENGLISH DEPARTMENT, GORDON ROHLEHR, TO GIVE LECTURE THERE AFTER BARBADOS VISIT.

4. IN ADDITION, ST. JOHN WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SCHEDULE LIEBERMAN TO SPEND ONE DAY IN ST. LUCIA TO GIVE LECTURE ON

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DEREK WALCOTT (A ST. LUCIAN) AT UWI EXTRA-MURAL DEPARTMENT

THERE. ST. JOHN SAYS LIEBERMAN IS ONE OF FEW ACADEMICS IN US FAMILIAR WITH WALCOTT'S WORK AND HAS WRITTEN 25-PAGE REVIEW ON WALCOTT'S LATEST BOOK IN YALE REVIEW'S AUTUMN 1973 ISSUE.

5. ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN, LIEBERMAN WOULD HOPE TO TRANSIT PUERTO RICO ENROUTE TO BARBADOS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT CU/ARA PROCESS TRAVEL-ONLY STAG GRANT TO PROF. LIEBERMAN, AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, WITH OBJECTIVE OF OBTAINING APPROVAL IN TIME FOR LIEBERMAN'S PROPOSED TRAVEL IN JANUARY. AUTHORIZATION SHOULD INCLUDE TRAVEL URBANA-SAN JUAN-BARBADOS-TRINIDAD (IF DESIRED)-ST. LUCIA-URBANA.
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